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### SYDNEY OLYMPIC

*(Dark Blue & White)*

1. PETER WILSON
3. BILLY PALMER
4. RICHARD BELL
5. KENNY WILSON
6. MIKE CROSS
7. DEREK LAING
8. PETER RASKOPOULOS
14. GRAHAM JENNINGS
15. JIM MORRIS  
LEO POULOS
13. IAN ROWDEN
10. CLIVE EATON
2. DAVID McINTOSH
18. ANDY SCOTT

*Manager: JOHN XIPOLITAS*

### NEWCASTLE KB UNITED

*(Emerald & cinnamon, or red, gold, black).*

1. JIM PRESTON
2. PETER WILLIS
4. CRAIG MASON
6. ROY DRINKWATER
7. ARNO BERTOONA
8. IAN SEDDON
9. KENNY BODEN
10. GRAHAM HEYS
12. JOE SENKALSKI
14. JOHN SNEDDON
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## LOOK FOR THE DOUBLE DIAMOND



*Joe Senkalski  
races away from  
Steve Goble of  
Norwich City at  
the International  
Sports Centre.*



## Newcastle KB United

Today we welcome the Newcastle K.B. United team from the North. This Soccer Club although being the youngest club upon entry into the P.S.L. Competition last year, arrived with a bang on the scene. Last year they had by far the largest crowds in the League and this year again they are way out in front.

This Soccer Club has proved to be way out in front as well in administration and the marketing side of the code. The Public Relation aspect of the Club is a credit to their supporters. Recently, prior to the Norwich City game at Newcastle, the top 20 pressmen were invited up to Newcastle as guests of the Club for two days. The financial situation of the Club is solid as they have an excellent sponsor in the K.B. Company and this sponsorship is well supported by large gates at their home games. The Club has not embarked on a wild spending spree to get players, but have wisely been very cautious and selective in gradually building up a squad to a level where they can more than hold their own. A great capture was snaring Col (Bunny) Curran from Wests to put bite into their "back - four" as well as "sting" up front on his roaming crusades. In any team building, one starts with a well organised defence before anything else.

The inclusion of Summerscales and Drinkwater provides the stability the "back-line needs. Youngsters in Peter Tredinnick and Joey Senkalski, Newcastle have excellent "linkmen" for a long time to come. Both MUST soon become established members of future Australian Teams.

It is ironic that Senkalski last season was bought from the Sydney Olympic Club. This player has flair and now has acquired the aggression to make him the complete footballer operating from the "gearbox-line". His short stint with Middlesboro in England has stood him in good stead. To you Joey, Sydney Olympic wishes you all the very best in your Soccer career. Another wise signing, was made in Johnny Sneddon who has recently been in good form. Then we come up front where K.B. must surely have easily the classiest striker in the P.S.L., Kenny

Boden. What a player he is. Last year he was the League's joint top scorer with 14 goals as well as being voted "Footballer of The Year". Not a bad "double". In Boden, Newcastle has a footballer "par excellence". It is not only the fact that he is a deadly goal-scorer, but his tremendous impact to a team that he has with his creativeness. Balance, vision, ball skill, work rate and shots on either foot make Boden a "super" player. Added to all these attributes, the man has a fine character which will carry him through top football for years to come. So from the above regime of some of the Newcastle players, one can easily see just how bright a future this club really has. Special credit MUST go to Alan Vest their manager, as well as the "back - up" that he has been given by his Directors. It goes without saying, that every P.S.L. squad that visits Newcastle, relishes the most warm hospitality the Club gives them, Sydney Olympic being no exception. However when it comes to scoring against Newcastle in their home games, they are much less generous as their goals against Newcastle in their home games, they are much less generous as their goals against record shows this year. In the 8 home games, they have allowed only 6 goals in; great stuff in anyone's language. Last year in the first round, we drew 1 all Olympic scored our goal. In the 2nd round again the final scoreline was 1 all, with K.B. and Senkalski playing for Sydney at Barton Park, where the marksmen were Ainslie and Boden. This year in round 1 up at Newcastle, we lost 2 nil. Goals coming from Hayes and McClelland.

Newcastle K.B. United, welcome to Pratten Park.



**Alan Vest**



## Match report...

APIA... 0-2

The match at Wentworth Park started off with an explosive pace which saw APIA did not reckon upon the skills of pic territory stretching our defence wide and splitting us down the middle. But APIA did not reckon upon the skills of our young Peter Wilson who put in a Ray Clemence performance. In the 6th minute, Reed came through with a flying young Wilson flew off his line to take attempted header from a corner, but the ball inches off Reed's head. In the 20th minute from a 'corner' that WASN'T Stone hit in a "screamer" and again young Wilson punched only to see the ball going to APIA'S sweeper, Wilson, who volleyed a shot back in on target, but Wilson again just got a foot to the incoming shot to deflect it over the bar. In the 35th minute, young Wilson again was there to rescue Olympic with a magnificent "double" save. First Butler broke free and put in a point - blank rocket shot that Wilson pushed out only to see



"Heh! Heh! Heh! Very funny. Now what's your real name?"

Reed latch onto the clearance and send in a "cracker" 1/2 second later that again was saved by the young blond custodian. Exactly one minute later, Apia's Roberts, broke free and raced past Mike Cross whilst Wilson went across to angel out Roberts who shot from very close in only to see the ball rebound off the "1st Post" back into Wilson's hands. Had it not been for young Peter Wilson's excellent performance, Sydney Olympic could easily have been down 3 nil at the break. In the second half, after a "one - two" with Peter Stone, Reed cracked a left - footed shot to hit the cross-bar and rebound out into play. But as the shot came in, Rowden moved across to cover and collided with Stone to crash onto the post injuring his right hip and down across the right of his ribcage. Then the whole character of the game changed. Eaton not having a good game, was pulled off by Xipolitas and replaced with Andy Scott who had just arrived back from England only hours before the game. Immediately Scott went wild on the pitch. Two high balls into the box he won in the air but the "lay-offs" were not capitalised on. In the 75th minute, Andy broke loose down the left flank, won a "tight ball", pushed down onto the bye-line, and right on top of the line, whipped in a "hanging" cross-ball to find Jennings in centre-box to head past the stunned Woodhouse. It was one helluva - ball. Olympic 1 nil. Then again, 8 minutes later Jennings this time broke down the left flank to win a corner. Raskopoulos shot in the corner, Karaspiros hit the bar with his shot, but Scott raced in like a bullet to slot in goal no. 2. This was a solid exhibition of constructive imaginative play by a striker. If this is what jet-lag does to Andy, Olympic are prepared to send him overseas every week and fly him in 8 hours before kick-off. After the match, Andy insisted that it was the English oxygen that he still had left in his lungs from his trip. Besides the excellent performance from Wilson and Scott, Rowden also had a good game. APIA's Ray Richards replacement of Stone and Roberts, was extremely hard to fathom as both players proved thorns to Sydney Olympic especially in the first half. Well done Sydney Olympic lads.

## Liverpool corner...

Our special congratulations go out to Derek Laing and his Scott'sh lass, Lorraine Beaton, who were married at Coo-gee last Friday afternoon. All the team attended.

Second wedding bells appear on the horizon amongst the Olympic squad. Kenny Wilson has become engaged to his scott'sh sweetheart, Jacqueline Sommerville. To them both all Sydney Olympic supporters express their congratulations.

In a special radio taped interview with Rudi Gudendorf and Popular sports director Con Giotakis from station 2EA, the Australian National Coach had some very kind words to say about Sydney Olympic's youth development policy. He highly applauds the Club's thinking in playing 3 Australian youngsters in the P.S.L. teams in; Raskopoulos, Jennings and Rowden. His taped interview (spoken in English of course), will be broadcasted by 2EA at a date to be advertised. "Dunka" Rudi.

George Gibson, Sydney Olympic's veteran Scottish player, played his last game for our Club last week against West Adelaide. He has bought a new house up at Gosford and starts his new job up there as well this week. To George and his wife Heather, we wish them both the very very best for their new start. Gibson has been Sydney Olympic's most consistent and knowledgeable player since the Club was formed.

George, it has been an honour to have a player of your experience and calibre playing for us. All the "George Best" lad. The Greeks will never forget you.

One of the most memorable games that come to mind, was in 1977 season on the Wednesday night against St. George at the Sports Ground when Olympic beat St. George 2 nil. Gibson from sweeper, laid out for his team the "enemy's" destruction. Time after time playing a "dynamic sweeper" position. He came through up field to lay - on balls for "strikes" by Olympic. Together with

Joe Senkalski who was absolutely brilliant in mid-field, they literally destroyed St. George. Although the final scoreline was 2 nil, Olympic very rarely has ever in the past or since, has had complete command of the entire performance. It was one of the best exhibitions seen from a sweeper on the Sydney Sports Ground. Olympic will miss his maturity and guidance, not to mention those defence splitting through - balls with geometric precision. GEORGIE lad, thank you very much.

Above I have explained the value of a veteran's maturity to our team. The same applies to some other teams who also have their "Gibsons" as the rudder to their squad. Readily to mind comes Johnny Watkiss for Sutherland, Atti Abonyi for Croatia and above all Sydney City's Eddie Thomson who I rate Australia's best soccer player for the last two seasons in our P.S.L. competition. These men, are not only players for their respective teams, but are the "spine" for their team mates. Just their presence alone on the field has a tremendous inspirational effect to the rest of the team.

Certain members of our Australian Soccer fraternity are honoured to have the same date of birth with America's greatest known president, Abraham Lincoln. The president was born on February 12th. So was Manfred Schaefer, Stuart Markland, Derek Laing and Kenny Wilson's fiancée Jacqueline.

Soccer all over the world constantly has a great hunger for top class strikers. A classy striker is worth his weight in gold. In the past we have seen many strikers come to our shores to play for Australian clubs with mixed success. Today Sydney Olympic gets another chance to see one such classy striker in action. Skill, balance, vision, shots and intelligence all come wrapped in one package with the label, Kenny Boden. Let's hope we don't see his full range of tricks today whilst playing for Newcastle. We hope to see a "cold gold K.B."

## Match reports...

### BRISBANE CITY... (0-1)

Sydney Olympic started off well in this what was to be a dull match. Olympic's defence was playing quite well till the 27th minute when Bobby Campbell broke free and crashed in a shot but Gary Meier dived across to save for a corner. Then Wilson broke out from Olympic's back-line and fired a pass out wide to the right flank where Laing was free and "three touched" before he cracked a shot in off the "wrong foot" with his "out - step" to send in an "inswinger" that just shaved the back - post, in the 37th minute.

In the second half, a right wing cross came into Olympic's box from Kevin Low that found Barry Kelso completely free on the 2nd post to head in a goal past Peter Wilson who had come on to replace the injured Gary Meier who had previously dislocated his little finger.

That put Brisbane City out in front 1 nil. Late in the second half, Davey McIntosh who was playing in a new position at left back, came through the middle taking defenders with him, and out - jumped them to get to a cross ball from George Gibson on the left flank, and got a touch to narrowly miss scoring the equaliser for Sydney Olympic.

A more enthusiastic whole-hearted player than McIntosh is very hard to find in any P.S.L. team. He came to us from Scotland's Dundee as an orthodox full-back as well as "target-man" up front. Such versatility of positions, is not as

easy as some people are led to believe.

Sydney Olympic on the day showed no fight or hunger to win, a most disappointing fact for the supporters.

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### WEST ADELAIDE (0-0)

Sydney Olympic travelled away last Sunday to play our "Greek Cousins" in Adelaide. The team was under the guidance of the new coach John Xipolitas ("Johnny X"). The match proved to be a solid one and a draw was fair result. Again McIntosh had to be shifted from the "back-four" up front as central striker to fill in for Eaton and Scott who returns from England next week. At left back Mike Cross filled in excellently well, and was by far the best player whilst Jimmy ("Leyland") Morris made his debut with Sydney Olympic in mid-field. He was given the unenviable task of holding Peter Boyle. In the first half Boyle outplayed "Leyland" repeatedly, but after half time, Jimmy changed his style and more than held off Boyle who is Westad's "engineer". Bell was solid once more, as was McIntosh up front doing a ton of work and causing problems to Westad's defence line. George Gibson playing his last game for Olympic also had a fine game "screening" the back-four. This game was a vastly improved performance by Sydney Olympic. Young Peter Wilson was well protected by his men inside the "box".



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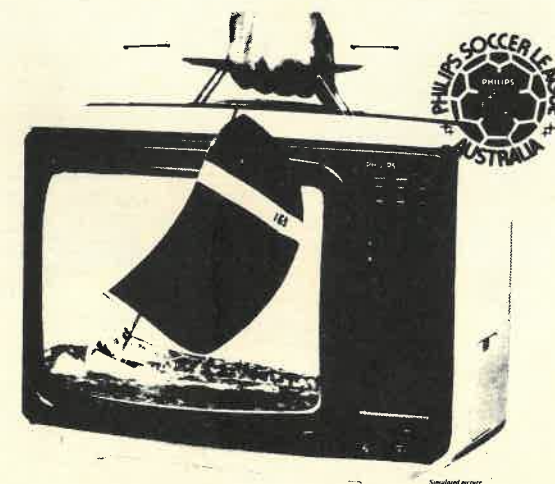
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David McIntosh closes in on Sydney City's Steve O'Connor, as Kenny Wilson, 'screens' Murray Barnes in their battle at Wentworth Park with Olympic winning 3-4.



"But how can you say I wasn't trying to score with that flying header, boss — look what it did to my hair"



"Talk about a needle match — even the REFS wearing gloves"



It was action galore in the Sydney Olympic goalmouth at our last home match, typified here by Sydney City's Ian Souness' spectacular header over Olympic keeper Gary Meier. Olympic's Ian Rowden (far right) and Dave McIntosh (number 2) cover Meier as the Slickers' Terry Smith (number 10) awaits the outcome.

## P.S.L. TABLE

		P	W	D	L	F	A	P	BP	TP
1	Marconi	17	10	4	3	42	21	24	4	28
2	Brisbane City	18	10	3	5	29	21	23	1	24
3	Adelaide City	18	8	5	5	31	22	21	1	22
4	Sydney City	17	9	2	6	32	23	20	1	21
5	Newcastle	18	8	5	5	26	19	21	—	21
6	West Adelaide	18	8	4	6	23	20	20	1	21
7	Heidelberg	16	7	4	5	24	18	18	1	19
8	Apia	18	8	3	7	20	22	19	—	19
9	Canberra City	17	6	5	6	21	22	17	—	17
10	Sydney Olympic	18	7	2	9	20	21	16	—	16
11	Footscray	17	6	1	10	18	29	13	—	13
12	Brisbane Lions	17	6	1	10	18	31	13	—	13
13	South Melbourne	18	4	2	12	18	34	10	—	10
14	St. George	17	3	3	11	17	36	9	—	9

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